

# HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Eugene Bartels, Pat Schroeder, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman John Patcle, Randy Franks, and Jon Knautz.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved that we are in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #1327 thru #1459. Motion carried.

David began the Supervisors Reports by handing out information to the Committee regarding the Winter Highway Conference that will be held January 26, 27, and 28, 2009.

The Driveway issue on CTH "T" is waiting on Ayres to get the proposal approved by the WisDOT. Total cost is expected to be around \$63,300.00.

David handed out a copy of the Draft Executive Summary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan commonly known as Connections 2030. He requests that the WisDOT - SW Region Planning begin to plan to work on USH 61 from Dickeyville to Fennimore. Donald Splinter, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved that the Highway Committee recommend to the full County Board to pass a resolution to include work on USH 61 in the State's new Connections 2030 plan. Motion carried.

Steve McPhail has given his notice of retirement effective January 9, 2009. This is an Operator II level position. Discussion followed regarding filling the position or waiting to see what the State of Wisconsin does budget wise. The Committee decided to review the position opening again next month.

David reviewed two draft proposals of the County Carryover Policy and how they would impact the Highway Department. Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to recommend Alternate Draft #1 of the Grant County Carryover Funds Policy to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried.

At this time, Ed Fitzgerald, Marv Shaitel, and Bob Hanifl from the WisDOT introduced themselves to the Committee. Marv replaces Ed who retires tomorrow, and Bob replaces Chris Ohm. All will be working out of the LaCrosse DOT office. They discussed the salt situation and about sending salt to Columbia County. There is also a new approach to storm problems on Highways 80 & 11.

Randy addressed Township salt issues. Randy said the County will honor all agreements that were sent back in by the Towns. A letter will be sent out in March of 2009 to Towns/Cities/Villages regarding salt issues for the coming season.

Randy said that 3600 ton of salt has already been used on the County System with 6000 ton left to go.

Randy also reported that he has received some quotes on new 2wd 3/4 ton pickups that would be used by operators. Lancaster Ford had the low bid of \$18,500.00. He will review the bids regarding meeting specifications and come back to the next meeting with a recommendation.

Jon handed out a Storm Report Summary thru 12/11/08 on the State Highway System. This compares Grant County to the other Counties in the 16 County Region.

Randy said that a new waste oil burner has been ordered and could still be installed in the Lancaster Shop this season. It is portable and can be re-installed anywhere.

Travis Kramer came and gave the Engineering Report. The Boscobel Salt Shed is up and being used. A concrete apron in front of the building will be poured in the spring. The existing shed will be removed from the site next summer. He also said that we will be going out for bids for asphalt, milling, oil, etc. next month.

Gene E. Kussart from Donohue & Associates came before the Committee. He said that his firm is a Design Firm for roads and bridges and that although his firm has never done business in the County, they are interested in doing business with the County if the opportunity arises.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 11:40 A.M..  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Stead, Secretary